

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently Amended) In a platform configured to command the operation of an appliance, a readable media having instructions for retrieving information, the instructions performing steps comprising:

in response to a sensed activation of a command key of the platform, transmitting a command to the appliance to cause the appliance to select one of a plurality of content streams each of the plurality of content streams having within the platform an associated address for an information source that has information related to its corresponding content stream and initiating a retrieval of information related to the selected one of the plurality of content streams ~~from an information source external to the platform~~ using the address for the information source that has been associated within the platform to the selected one of the plurality of content streams; and

displaying the retrieved information in a display of the platform.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The readable media as recited in claim 2 1, wherein one or more of the addresses are is entered by a user of the platform.

4. (Currently Amended) The readable media as recited in claim 2 1, wherein one or more of the addresses are is automatically provided to the platform from a device external to the platform.

5. (Original) The readable media as recited in claim 1, wherein the command causes the appliance to select a channel.

6. (Original) The readable media as recited in claim 1, wherein the command key is included as part of an electronic program guide displayed within the display of the platform.

7. (Currently Amended) The readable media as recited in claim 1, wherein the instructions provide for a user to designate both the content stream which the appliance is commanded to select and the address to be associated with the content stream.

8. (Original) The readable media as recited in claim 1, wherein the content stream comprises a video broadcast signal.

9. (Original) The readable media as recited in claim 1, wherein the content stream comprises an audio broadcast signal.

10. (Currently Amended) The readable media as recited in claim 2 1, wherein one or more of the addresses comprise ~~comprises~~ a URL.

11. (Original) The readable media as recited in claim 1, wherein the display comprises a touch screen and the command key depicts a logo of a provider of the content stream and is displayed within the touch screen.

12. (Currently Amended) In a platform configured to command the operation of an appliance, a readable media having instructions for retrieving information, the instructions performing steps comprising:

in response to a sensed activation of a command key of the platform, placing the platform into one of plural a modes to transmit commands to at least one of a plurality of the appliances each of the plurality of appliances having within the platform an associated address for an information source that has information related to its corresponding appliance and initiating a retrieval of information related to the at least one of the plurality of appliances from an information source external to the platform using the address for the information source that has been associated within the platform to the at least one of the plurality of appliances; and

displaying the retrieved information in a display of the platform.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The readable media as recited in claim ~~13~~ 12, wherein one or more of the addresses are is entered by a user of the platform.

15. (Currently Amended) The readable media as recited in claim ~~13~~ 12, wherein one or more of the addresses are is automatically provided to the platform from a device external to the platform.

16. (Currently Amended) The readable media as recited in claim ~~13~~ 12, wherein one or more of the addresses comprise is a URL.

17. (Currently Amended) The readable media as recited in claim ~~13~~ 12, wherein the information source comprises a Web site of a manufacturer of the appliance.

18. (Original) The readable media as recited in claim 1, wherein the retrieved information includes addresses to further information.

19. (Original) The readable media as recited in claim 18, wherein the addresses to further information comprise URLs.

20. (Original) The readable media as recited in claim 12, wherein the command key comprises an appliance mode selection key.

21. (Original) The readable media as recited in claim 12, wherein the display comprises a touch screen display and the command key comprises an icon displayed in the touch screen display.